

BWIS Meeting Agenda/Minutes 4/14/2022

- 1. Came out of a very successful International Women' Day & Women's History Month March 2022. Hope you found the events beneficial to your careers and enjoyable. I received a lot of positive feedback. If you have any negative feedback or opportunities for improvement, please let me know as well.**

In March, BWIS hosted the following:

- BWIS Symposium-
GirlPower in STEM
"Break the Bias"
Symposium 3/5/2022
- International
Women's Day- BWIS
Workshop- "Leading
Change!" Lily Blocker,
SBU 3/8/2022
- BWIS Lecture- "How
Women Succeed in
the Workplace"
Valerie Alexander,
Speak Happiness 3/8/2022
- BWIS Table at
International
Woman's Day Food
Fete 3/8/2022
- BWIS Yoga 3/10/2022
- BWIS Lecture- "The
Secret History of
Women's Speech"
Dana Rubin (Speech
Studio) 3/17/2021
- BWIS Lecture- "Shifting
Paradigms to Engineer
Change in STEM"
Sharon Walker (Drexel
University) 3/24/2022
- BWIS Collaboration
"Celebrating Sally
Ride: First American
Woman in Space" 3/31/2022

2. **Events scheduled right now for April. Should be on your calendar:**
 - April 19- Assessing Gender Bias in Particle Physics & Social Science Colloquia-Invitation from BNL Physics Dept- FYI Our new Gender Equity Board Member is Veronica Bickmeyer
 - On calendar for April 21 but can watch anytime: “Canceling Imposter Syndrome” Dr. Malika Grayson. This event was hosted by SLAC on March 8 and SLAC has shared the recording with us.
3. **We are working on Upcoming Events:**
 - BWIS Networking Breakfast- May 18 in Berkner 10-11:30- In planning stages. Waiting for invoice and Board Approval
 - May 19 Speaker Donna O’Kelly of Idaho National Laboratory serving as Director of Analytical Research Laboratories
 - Six Hats Workshop- June/July
 - BNL Employee Essala Lowe Assistant Director of Operations for the CFN- To present on her career as a Microbiologist turning to Research Operations- June/July
 - BNL Employee and new BWIS Member Joanna Zajac- To present on an article she published in Physics World Magazine- Industry or Academia? How to choose your path.- June/July
 - BWIS Planning Meeting For FY23
4. **Social Media**
 - FB posts on the Recording of the Girl Power in Stem Workshop with the University of New Haven that was held on International Women’s Day
 - FB post welcoming new BWIS member Sunita Chandrasekaran who is a Computational Scientist with CSI
 - FB post on the historical nomination of Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson’s nomination to the Supreme Court

Still looking into a possible- Linked In Page/Group discussed last time. Purpose for a Linked In Group is to provide more visibility to BWIS in a professional community in comparison to FB and to provide a platform for BNL and BWIS users to share and exchange ideas, connect with other BWIS and ERG members instead of using teams chat.

5. **BWIS Scholarships-**

Joanna Fowler Chemical/Biochemical Sciences Award- Selections have been made. Waiting for the Press Release! The 3 awardees are Tiffany Victor Lovelace, Diana Lutz, and Maila Danielis each receiving \$3k. The awards were funded by the Chemistry Division, NSLS II, and the Energy & Photon Sciences Directorate’s DEI Council

Physicist Renate Chasman Award 2022- 13 applications received. Two Awards of \$2,750 each to be selected by May. Encountered a few issues as this was a new online application was ITD was able to help resolve.

Physicist Gertrude Goldhaber Prize 2022- reviewing applications for Goldhaber prize that were due 4/1/2022. Plaque to be installed by Goldhaber's office in Building 510 Rm 1-200.

6. General UPDATES:

- Updated the BWIS email distributions, BWIS Board Member Web Page. ITD will be working with our Webmaster Yvette Hayes on a new BWIS Page
- BWIS with DEI Noel Blackburn- Noel will be leading and responsible for ERGs-working with him on showing DEI related TED Talk Videos & Role Playing and then having discussion in a "safe place" afterwards. Rolling out w/ All Directorates
- BWIS Member Lorraine Davis. She will be retiring end of April. She was in Research Operations for CFN. We wish her the best of health, wealth, and happiness in her new endeavors.
- Membership- we have 4 new members since March bringing the total to 108 members
- BERA Summer Camp- BNL is planning for a Summer Camp this year. Applications just came out. They will have a 3 day a week option for any of the 8 weeks offered
- DayCare- Spring 2023 opening- got pushed back some months

Any Further Updates?:

7. Any ideas, comments, feedback, etc. are welcome. Please feel free to email me firoza@bnl.gov